

GOOD MORNING --

CONSUL GENERAL OF ---

WELCOME TO AN INTERNATIONAL CLASS
ENTERING INTO THE WORLD'S MOST
INTERNATIONAL PROFESSION. FOR MANY
OF YOU, TODAY BEGINS LIFETIME DEDICA-
TION TO YOUR SERVICE AND THE SEA.
YOU WILL FIND IT A VERY DEMANDING
LIFE. THERE WILL BE MANY LONG LONELY
HOURS OF PATROL ON THE MEKONG AND
KARUN RIVERS. AT THE SAME TIME
THERE WILL BE JUST AS MANY HAPPY
REUNIONS WITH YOUR FAMILIES IN
KHORRAMSHAHR, NHA TRANG AND NEAK
LOEUNG.

YOU ARE JOINING ONE OF THE WORLD'S
GREAT BROTHER HOODS. THERE ARE 2.2

MILLION OFFICERS AND MEN SERVING THEIR COUNTRIES IN 77 NAVIES. THE MEMBERS OF OUR FRATERNITY SUFFER SIMILAR PERILS AND ACHIEVE SATISFACTION FROM THE SAME ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WHEREVER SHIPS MEET, BE IT PERSIAN OR TONKIN GULF THEY SALUTE OUT OF MUTUAL RESPECT

AS YOU ENTER YOUR PROFESSION IN THIS, A FOREIGN COUNTRY, ENSURE THAT YOU TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND OUR NAVY. FURTHERMORE BECOME CLOSE FRIENDS WITH YOUR CLASSMATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. EACH COUNTRY

AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE MUCH TO OFFER
TO THE PERSON WHO IS PATIENT AND
DESIRES TO LISTEN.

YOUR ARRIVAL RE-ESTABLISHES
WHAT ADMIRAL ZUMWALT ENVISAGES AS
A VERY VITAL ONGOING EFFORT IN THE
CHAIN OF NAVAL EDUCATION HERE IN
NEWPORT WHICH STARTS WITH YOURSELVES
AT THE OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL AND
MOVES UPWARD WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
OFFICERS ATTENDING THE DESTROYER
SCHOOL, FOLLOWED BY THE NAVAL STAFF
COURSE, AND CULMINATING WITH THE
NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE--BOTH PART OF
THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE.

IT MIGHT BE WELL TO GENERALLY DESCRIBE IN A BIT MORE DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE COURSES WHICH I'VE MENTIONED. TURNING TO THE DESTROYER SCHOOL, THE FIRST CLASS GRADUATED LAST JULY. IN THE CLASS WERE 29 OFFICERS FROM 13 DIFFERENT NATIONS. ESSENTIALLY, THE SCHOOL TRAINED THE STUDENTS TO BE THE HEADS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ABOARD DESTROYER TYPE SHIPS--THEY WERE QUALIFIED IN ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS AND WEAPONS. I MIGHT ADD THAT THIS COURSE INCLUDED A 3-WEEK CRUISE ON A US DESTROYER.

TURNING NOW TO THE NAVAL STAFF COURSE WHICH ASSISTS SPECIALLY SELECTED MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS IN

DEVELOPING PLANNING AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS. LAST DECEMBER WE GRADUATED THE FIRST CLASS OF 15 OFFICERS AND INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH THE FIRST U.S. OFFICER! WE WILL CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE OF ASSIGNING A U.S. OFFICER TO THE MORE SENIOR COURSES BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND THE COMARADERIE RESULTING FROM JOINT ATTENDANCE IS BENEFICIAL TO THE NAVIES CONCERNED-- OUR NEXT CLASS WILL START THIS MONTH AND WILL INCLUDE A STUDENT FROM

AND FINALLY, WE HAVE THE TOP STEP OF OUR INTERNATIONAL LADDER OF NAVAL EDUCATION--THE NAVAL COMMAND

COLLEGE! AT THIS COLLEGE WE HAVE TH
THE SENIOR FREE WORLD NAVAL OFFICERS
WHO ARE BEING PREPARED FOR HIGHER
COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN
THEIR NAVIES. IT ESSENTIALLY PROVIDES
ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES COMPAR_
ABLE TO OTHER SENIOR U.S. WAR COLLEGE
COURSES AND THIS YEAR I'VE TAKEN ONE
STEP FURTHER BY COMPLETELY INTEGRATING
THE NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE AND THE
COLLEGE OF NAVAL WARFARE IN THE VITAL
STUDY OF MANAGEMENT. I FEEL THAT
THIS CLOSENESS HOLDS GREAT PROMISE.
IN FACT, MANY STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGE
OF NAVAL WARFARE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED
TO AND HAVE VOLUNTARILY, STUDIED WITH

THE STUDENTS OF THE NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL LAW, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUB-STUDIES AT THE NAVAL COMMAND COLLEGE. THIS YEAR'S CLASS HAS 32 STUDENTS WHO, I HOPE, WILL FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MANY OF THEIR PREDECESSORS TO FLAG RANK--IN SEVERAL CASES EVEN TO CHIEFS OF THEIR NAVIES--AND OTHER POSITIONS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY IN THEIR OWN NATIONS.

THIS HAS BEEN A RATHER RAPID VIEW OF OUR PROGRAM HERE IN NEWPORT FOR THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL NAVAL OFFICER. A

PROGRAM WHICH I SINCERELY HOPE WILL
BRING THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE SEA CLOSER
TOGETHER IN A COMMON ENDEAVOR TOWARD
BOTH PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AND
COMMON CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING.